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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR USCG TECHNICAL SURVEY TEAM

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1. IN VIEW OUR MUTUAL INTEREST IN ADVANCING SOUND U.S.
SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN HAITI, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE
TO INVITE YOUR SUPPORT IN SENDING A TECHNICAL SURVEY TEAM
HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. GOH HAS LONG SOUGHT OUR HELP IN IMPROVING ITS PRESENT
RUDIMENTARY OR NON-EXISTENT CAPACITY TO CONDUCT SEA RESCUE
OPERATIONS, INSTALL AND MAINTAIN NAVIGATIONAL AIDS, AND
CONTROL ILLEGAL SHIPPING (DRUG TRAFFIC) WITHIN ITS TERRITORIAL
WATERS. AMBASSADOR'S COMMUNICATIONS WITH ADMIRAL KIDD, AND
VISITS IN 1976 BY REAR ADMIRAL FLANAGAN AND CMDR. FREEBORN
(OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT, USCG, DOT, WASHINGTON, D.C.),
HAVE HELPED TO IDENTIFY THE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEMS AND
POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

3. AS YOU KNOW FROM REFEELS AND PREVIOUS TRAFFIC, EMBASSY
HAS BEEN TRYING SINCE OCTOBER 1976 TO GET A 2-4 MAN
TECHNICAL SURVEY TEAM TO VISIT HAITI IN ORDER TO ASSESS
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SPECIFIC NEEDS AND RECOMMEND COURSES OF ACTION. ESTIMATED
COST OF PER DIEM AND AIR FARE IS \$2300.

4. THE USCG WAS PREPARED TO SEND A TEAM -- AND STILL COULD
DO SO UNTIL MARCH 15 -- BUT COULD NOT FUND THIS PROJECT
ITSELF. DOD HAS INDICATED THAT LEGAL AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS
PRECLUDE IMET FUNDING AND, THEREFORE, THEY RECOMMENDED

FUNDING BY GOH.

5. ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED EXPRESSIONS OF HIGH LEVEL GOH INTEREST IN HAVING SUCH A TEAM VISIT AND THIS TEAM WOULD BENEFIT GOH, AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZES THAT IT WAS CONCEIVED OF AND PROPOSED BY EMBASSY IN INTEREST OF U.S. TEAM COULD A) PROVIDE GOH WITH A BASIS ON WHICH TO MAKE INTELLIGENT DECISIONS REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL, AND B) PROVIDE THE U.S. WITH A BASIC ANALYTICAL TOOL TO USE IN HELPING ENSURE ULTIMATELY RATIONAL GOH DECISIONS ON EXPANDING NAVY/CG CAPABILITY. NAVY/CG NEEDS SHOULD BE BALANCED WITH THOSE OF OTHER SECTORS OF THE HAITIAN ECONOMY.

6. GIVEN THIS IMPASSE ON FUNDING AND CLEAR PRACTICAL ADVANTAGE OF HAVING SUCH A TEAM HERE SOON, AMBASSADOR WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF USCINCSO COULD CONSIDER WHETHER IT COULD FUND AND STAFF SUCH A TEAM FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES, OR WHETHER IT COULD FUND USCG TEAM AS ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED.

7. DATT LTC BOWDAN IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND MILGP CMDRS CONFERENCE. HE HAS ALTERED TRAVEL PLANS IN ORDER TO BE BRIEFED BY HARSAP COORDINATOR, MR. VARGAS, AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME ON SATURDAY, 29 JANUARY. DATT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME AND THROUGHOUT CONFERENCE SCHEDULE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THIS MATTER SHOULD YOU SO DESIRE.

8. AMBASSADOR SENDS WARM REGARDS TO CINCSO.

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